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FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY

1. SEPTEMBER 18 LETTER TO YOU FROM JOHN B. RICKER, CHAIRMAN, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE UNDERWRITERS(AIMU), REQUESTS A) AGENDA OF US-USSR JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION MEETING INCLUDE QUESTION OF US MARINE INSURANCE INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN INSURING CARGOES MOVING IN US-USSR TRADE AND B) US DELEGATION/INDUSTRY CONSULTATION PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1 MEETING. SIMILAR LETTER SENT COMMERCE AND PROBABLY OTHER US MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION. LAZARUS REPORTEDLY FAMILIAR WITH CONTENTS.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED RICKER BY LETTER THAT ABSENCE FROM US OF PRINCIPALS, INCLUDING HIMSELF AND MCDOWELL, PRESIDENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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AIMU, PRECLUDES PRIOR CONSULTATION, BUT THAT MATTER WOULD

BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF US DELEGATION MEMBERS FOR
THEIR INFORMATION. OUR LETTER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT IN-
SURANCE QUESTION ON AGENDA OF US-USSR MARITIME TALKS TO
BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON NOVEMBER 12-25 AND THAT ANY
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TALKS WITH SOVIETS ON INSURANCE SHOULD
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUTCOME RICKER/MCDOWELL DISCUSSIONS
WITH SOVIET INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES IN VENICE (INTER-
NATIONAL UNION OF MARINE INSURANCE CONFERENCE) ON

SEPTEMBER 25. FOREGOING REFLECTS DEPT-MARAD UNDERSTANDING
WITH AIMU ON HOW USG WOULD PROCEED ON THIS MATTER. ON
THEIR RETURN RICKER/MCDOWELL ARE TO BRIEF USG OFFICIALS
ON RESULTS OF VENICE TALKS IN PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER
MEETING WITH RUSSIANS. RUSH

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